

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2 and 4-31 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 9, 12-19 and 26 are amended. Claim 3 is cancelled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter that this claim recites. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 9, 12-19 and 26 were objected to in the Office Action. Claims 1, 9, 12-19 and 26 are amended as suggested in the Office Action to obviate these objections. Withdrawal of the objection to claims 1, 9, 12-19 and 26 is respectfully requested.

**Conclusion**

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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